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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Interview with [REDACTED] Chief, Organization & Methods Staff (DD/P Area), Management Staff.

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1. On 7 May 1957 I conferred with [REDACTED] Chief of the Organization & Methods Staff in the DD/P Area, with whom I was most favorably impressed. In February of 1956 he came to the Agency from the Veterans Administration and took over from [REDACTED] in the DD/P area in September of that year. He has as his Assistants [REDACTED] R25X1A9a
ert [REDACTED] all of whom he believes to be well above average in the O&M field. It is obvious that his morale is good, and he feels that the morale of his people is also good; in fact he indicated that because the members of his Staff had been assigned to work in the DD/P area they appeared to have a slight feeling of superiority over other employees of the Management Staff.

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2. [REDACTED] reports to [REDACTED] Executive Officer, Office of 25X1A9a the Deputy Director (Plans), every two weeks in order to keep him advised of what he is doing. He said that he has had no trouble with anyone in the DD/P area except for minor clashes with [REDACTED] Assistant Executive Officer, and explained this by citing an incident which had occurred during a meeting of [REDACTED] Machine Methods Unit wherein he had disagreed with some of the things which [REDACTED] wanted to do and was invited by him not to continue as a member of the discussion group. He assured me---and was most emphatic about it---that he had no rubber stamp which he used and that when he disagreed with a proposal he stood by what he felt was right. He feels that his unit is accepted in the DD/P area and that it is making real progress. However, he also feels that it is entirely too small to cope with the many and complex problems with which the DD/P area is confronted.

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3. He pointed out that he and his group were physically located in Quarters Eye and, therefore, not in a position to observe very closely the day-to-day activities and happenings at 1717 "H" Street. He said that he did not know of any morale problems, however, and that he had no complaints of any kind against [REDACTED]. In fact, he commented that he had a high regard for [REDACTED]. He also said that he had no personal knowledge of any misconduct on [REDACTED] part such as frequent or unauthorized absences from duty, drinking habits, etc.

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4. With regard to [REDACTED] said that he had worked for him and that he liked and respected him. He thought that their relationship was a good one. Concerning [REDACTED] relationship with people in the DD/P area, he commented that it was his impression that it was good in some areas and bad in others and that the two would about balance out. He said that he did not think it would be quite fair to ask him to give his personal evaluation of [REDACTED] inasmuch as he was working for [REDACTED] 25X1A9a was loyal to him, and did not wish to be involved in any way in difficulties between the two.

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5. It is clear from this interview that [REDACTED] ---while being 25X1A9a honest---was trying deliberately not to take sides in any intraoffice squabble. It is my conclusion, however, that he is not lacking in loyalty or respect for [REDACTED] Furthermore, I feel that he has excellent qualifications and the courage of his convictions.

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